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SUBJECT: SHORT- NOTICE DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR USAF AIR-
CRAFT TRANSPORTING MUNITIONS TO SAUDI ARABIA

REF: DOO 152045 Z APR 73 FROM 438 TH MILAIRLIFT WING,
MCGUIRE AFB

1 THROUGH DAO CHANNELS AIR FORCE HAS REQUESTED
SHORT- NOTICE DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FROM TURKEY FOR THREE
C-130 FLIGHTS TRANSPORTING MUNITIONS TO SAUDI ARABIA.
PURPOSE OF THESE FLIGHTS IS TO DELIVER TO ROYAL SAUDI
ARABIAN AIR FORCE F-5 AIRCRAFT MUNITIONS URGENTLY SOUGHT
BY SAUDIS IN ORDER TO BOLSTER THEIR AIR DEFENSE CAP-
ABILITIES IN WAKE OF MARCH 22 BOMBING ATTACK BY SOUTH
YEMENI AIRCRAFT ON SAUDI BORDER POST OF WUDAYAH. SAUDIS
HAVE BEEN PRESSING US FOR PROMPT AIRLIFT OF AT LEAST
PORTION OF THIS MATERIAL.

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2. IN LIGHT URGENCY REQUIRED TO MEET SAUDI REQUEST, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO SUPPORT AND ASSIST EFFORTS OF DAO ANKARA TO OBTAIN NECESSARY SHORT- NOTICE DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCES FOR THESE THREE AIRCRAFT IN TIME FOR FLIGHTS TO TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED THIS WEEKEND. FYI. SUBSEQUENT AIRLIFTS OF SIMILAR MUNITIONS ARE ALSO PLANNED BUT ARE BEING SCHEDULED SO AS NOT TO REQUIRE SHORT- NOTICE CLEARANCES. END FYI.

3. PRINCE SULTAN, SAUDI ARABIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND AVIATION, HAS OFFERED HIS ASSISTANCE TO USG IN OBTAINING NECESSARY TURKISH AND IRANIAN OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES. ACCORDINGLY, IF YOU CONSIDER IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, YOU MAY WISH APPROACH SAUDI ARABIAN AMBASSADOR AND/ OR MILITARY ATTACHE ANKARA TO REQUEST THAT HE/ THEY SUPPORT US REQUEST FOR THESE CLEARANCES. ROGERS

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